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SUBJ: SHABA INCURSION: RETREAT OF KATANGESE

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1. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS RETURNING FROM NORTH WEST ZAMBIA EVENING MAY 23 CONFIRM PRESENCE OF RETREATING KATANGESE IN KALENE HILL AREA. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE REBEL LEADERS INTERVIEWED BY JOURNALISTS NEAR IKELENGE/KALENE HILL "A LOT" OF EUROPEAN HOSTAGES REMAIN WITH THE RETREATING KATANGANS BUT THEY ARE NOT BEING TAKEN THROUGH ZAMBIA BUT TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY TO ANGOLA. THE HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY INCLUDE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THE REBEL LEADER ALSO SAID THAT NO HARM WOULD COME TO EUROPEANS LIVING IN NORTH WEST ZAMBIA. THE REBELS ONLY WANT TO GET BACK TO ANGOLA "AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

2. EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS FROM SEVERAL FOREIGN JOURNALISTS
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YIELDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE REBELS ARE "LOADED DOWN" WITH CAMERAS, RADIOS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS TAKEN IN ZAIRE. THEY ARE TRAVELING IN 80 TO 100 VEHICLES, MOST OBVIOUSLY STOLEN IN ZAIRE. THEY WERE ARMED AND MOVING BY NIGHT. ALMOST ALL ARE TEENAGERS. JOURNALISTS REPORTED SEEING FEW ZAMBIAN POLICE AND NO ZAMBIAN MILITARY IN THE AREA. FINALLY, JOURNALISTS RETURNING TO LUSAKA REPORTED THAT THE

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LOCAL POPULACE (COMPOSED MAINLY OF THE SAME LUNDA TRIBE
AS THE REBELS) CHEERED THE REBELS AS THEY PASSED BY.
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